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1. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIM OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF MR. COLBY'S OPEN HEARING STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES ON 2 JULY 1973 RE LONDON OBSERVER ALLEGATIONS THAT CIA ENGINEERED COUP IN GREECE:

"SENATOR SYMINGTON. THERE ARE VARIOUS MATTERS THAT WE WILL GET INTO AND I THOUGHT I WOULD SKIM A FEW THAT HAVE COME UP RECENTLY.

I NOTICED IN THE PAPER SUNDAY AN ARTICLE "LONDON PAPER ASSERTS CIA ENGINEERED THE COUP IN GREECE."

I WILL READ THE FIRST SENTENCE OF THAT ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK TIMES ON SUNDAY, JULY 1ST.

"THE OBSERVER SAID TODAY THAT IT HAS FOUND EVIDENCE THAT THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ENGINEERED THE 1967 MILITARY COUP IN GREECE AND IS USING SECRET KNOWLEDGE OF PREMIER GEROGE PAPADOPOULOS 'WAR-TIME COLLABORATION WITH THE NAZIS', TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE

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REGIME."

I WOULD ASK YOU, AND ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT OUR POLICY TO PLACE WITNESSES WHO COME UP FOR CONFIRMATION UNDER OATH, I AM SURE WE CAN CONSIDER YOU AS BEING CAREFUL TO GIVE US ALL THE FACTS. IS THERE ANY JUSTIFICATION, TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE, OF THESE ASSERTIONS?

MR. COLBY. I HAD THAT RESEARCHED, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE CIA DID NOT ENGINEER THE COUP IN GREECE IN 1967. SECONDLY, I THINK WE ARE NOT IN POSSESSION OF THAT KIND OF INFORMATION ABOUT MR. PAPADOPOULOS THAT IS ALLEGED THERE. AND WE DID NOT TRAIN HIM IN THIS COUNTRY AS ALLEGED THERE.

SENATOR SYMINGTON. AT ANY TIME HAS MR. PAPADOPOULOS BEEN AN AGENT FOR THE CIA?

MR. COLBY. HE HAS NOT BEEN AN AGENT. HE HAS BEEN AN OFFICIAL OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AT VARIOUS TIMES, AND IN THOSE PERIODS FROM TIME TO TIME WE WORKED WITH HIM IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY.

SENATOR SYMINGTON. DID WE PAY HIM ANY MONEY AT ANY TIME?

MR. COLBY. I CANNOT ANSWER THAT ONE, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR SURE.

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I JUST DO NOT KNOW. I DO NOT BELIEVE WE DID PERSONALLY. I CAN SAY THAT WE DID NOT PAY HIM PERSONALLY, I AM SURE."

2. MR. COLBY IS REVISING THIS STATEMENT FOR THE FINAL PUBLISHED TRANSCRIPT SO THAT HIS ANSWER TO SENATOR SYMINGTON'S QUESTION AS TO WHETHER WE PAID PAPADOPOULOS ANY MONEY AT ANY TIME WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

"MR. COLBY. THE CIA NEVER PAID MR. PAPADOPOULOS ANY MONEY. THE ONLY ASSOCIATION THE AGENCY EVER HAD WITH PAPADOPOULOS OF ANY KIND WAS IN HIS CAPACITY AS AN OFFICER OF THE GREEK INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, (b)(1) (b)(3)

3. AUTHORIZED SURFACE THE FOREGOING TO (b)(1) (b)(3) AND ANY OTHER GREEK OFFICIALS HE DEEMS ADVISABLE. (b)(1) (b)(3) HOWEVER, THIS SHOULD BE FOR THEIR INFORMATION AND SHOULD NOT BE RELEASED BY THEM UNTIL THE FINAL VERSION OF MR. COLBY'S TESTIMONY IS PUBLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE. (b)(1) (b)(3)

4. PLEASE PASS TO WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT (b)(1) (b)(3) REVISED TEXT IS NOT TO BE USED UNTIL RELEASED BY COMMITTEE. E2, IMPDET.

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